

of this will be too similar to that of the last Session. Had  
 the Capt. of the Vessel who conveys you this given me a  
 Day or two's Notice, I should have been glad to have given  
 you a more minute & particular Detail of these late  
 Transactions but it being otherwise I must at present  
 content myself with acquainting you that Sr John Blair  
 found me the latter End of January at the Camp for which  
 Place he departed soon after his Arrival in Virg<sup>a</sup>. from  
 thence I accompanied him back to Williamsburg giving  
 Directions for engaging Quarters for the expected Regiments  
 in our way for here, we hoped to see General Pittscock  
 by that time arriv'd, but being disappointed in that parti-  
 cular, having appointed our Assembly to meet the 20 of feby  
 I could not postpone my Return to Annapolis to have the  
 pleasure of paying my Respects in person to the General at  
 his Arrival. Instead of that I left a Letter for him with Mr.  
 Dinwiddie & have since had the Satisfaction to receive one  
 from himself in which he is pleas'd to compliment me on  
 the Care I had taken to put matters in forwardness & get  
 provisions laid in against the Troop's Arrival who are daily  
 expected. Governor Dinwiddie also informs me that he has  
 sent an Express to the Northward with Dispatches from the  
 General desiring Governor Shirley will meet him at my house  
 to concert their Plan of Operations. I shall be advis'd what time  
 the General will appoint such an Interview & I propose to meet  
 him in Virg<sup>a</sup> & conduct him hither & hope by my Behaviour to  
 give him perfect Satisfaction. I am extremely oblig'd to  
 you for the Care & Affection you always had had & still  
 continue to have for me. The General has not as yet commu-  
 nicated to me any Command that I am to have, nor is there any  
 help the Rangers consisting of 8 Companies of 83 Men each  
 which my Commission as Lt Col<sup>o</sup> will entitle me to, however,